

RESOLUTION NO. 7410

**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE NEVADA LEAGUE OF CITIES AND
MUNICIPALITIES' SUBMISSION OF AN ADVISORY STATEWIDE BALLOT
QUESTION SUPPORTING THE CREATION OF HOME RULE FOR LOCAL
GOVERNMENTS**

WHEREAS, The Nevada Legislature meets every other year and local governments meet and confer and debate the issues of importance to the community on a continuing and regular basis; and

WHEREAS, it is recognized that local governments have some ability to enter into cooperative agreements provided in Chapter 277 of the Nevada Revised Statutes to consolidate or reorganize their public institutions; and

WHEREAS, local communities are diverse, and greater home rule would allow local citizens to solve their problems in their own fashion. In this fashion, decentralization fosters local flexibility, innovation, and responsiveness; and

WHEREAS, local citizens should be permitted to select the form of government they prefer; and

WHEREAS, the City of Reno and other local governments in Nevada have sought to have more control over their fiscal destiny; and

WHEREAS, home rule self-government of cities has a long-standing tradition in Nevada, but in 1968 the Nevada Supreme Court found that the home rule self-government provided by the Nevada Legislature in its former Nevada Compiled Laws Section 1100 et seq., (Nevada's current NRS chapter 266) was not likewise granted to cities organized under any other NRS Chapter; and

WHEREAS, there is no state statutory requirement for members of Nevada State Legislature to meet with their district local government officials to fully consider the impacts of state reallocation of local revenue; and

WHEREAS, intergovernmental cooperation on issues affecting State and local governments, especially those relating to fiscal matters, is important to the citizens of the State of Nevada; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Reno City Council hereby supports the Nevada League of Cities' seeking the Nevada Legislature to act to:

(1) Provide for increased intergovernmental cooperation between the State and local governments to address local issues, including fiscal matters, and

(2) As part of the intergovernmental cooperation, to pass laws providing greater

authority to local governments increasing home rule to allow local citizens to solve their problems, which decentralization fosters local flexibility, innovation, and responsiveness.

Upon motion by City Council Member Sferrazza, seconded by City Council Member Hascheff, the foregoing Resolution was passed and adopted this 23rd day of September, 2009 by the following vote:

AYES: Sferrazza, Hascheff, Gustin, Zadra, Dortch, Aiazzi, Cashell

NAYS: None


ABSENT: None ABSTAIN: None

Approved this 23rd day of September, 2009.


Robert A. Cashell, Sr., Mayor



ATTEST:


Lynnette Jones, City Clerk